projects have been given approval by the Rural Electrification Corporation during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96;

(b) the amount per annum provided for them;

(c) the actual number of villages where electrification has been completed during the above period against the target thereof;

(d) the criteria fixes for the electrification in rural areas for declaring a village as electrified villages; and

(e) the district-wise details of number and names of villages in Bihar which have been declared as electrified villages and those villages where actual supply of electricity has not been made for a period of more than last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCEINCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The year-wise number of projects approved and loan sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation and the number of villages covered during the peirod 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of projects approved	No. of villages covered	Loan amount sanctioned
1993-94	19	1190	1807
1994-95	—	—	—
1995-96	—	—	—

(c) The number of villages where electrification work have been completed during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96 alongwith the target thereof is given below:

Year	Annual Plan target (No. of villages under REC Financed Schemes)	Achievement of villages under REC Schemes
1993-94	225	190
1994-95	150	55
1995-96	400	42

(d) As per the existing definition, a village is deemed to be electrified if one service connection is provided within the revenue boundary.

(e) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Electricity generation in the Country

555. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total electricity generated in the country by the existing power projects in comparison with the demand by the public;

(b) the power projects proposed to be undertaken to meet the gaps, if any;

(c) whether electricity is also lost in transmission through old apparatus etc.;

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide continues supply of electricity in the country particularly in Bihar; and

(e) the funds likely to be allocated for this most important sector alongwith the arrangements for the sources, raw materials and foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCEINCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The details of All India energy requirement and availability during April—June, 1997 are as follows:

	MUs
Energy Requirement	105498
Energy Available	92770

(b) The Ninth Plan Programme for power sector is under finalisation by the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Operation and monitoring of transmission and distribution works are primarily within the purview of State Governments. However, for inter-State transfer of power, Government has been taking steps to build, improve and upgrade the inter-State and inter-regional transmission links. Powergrid has undertaken works on reorientation of certain existing 132 KV transmission lines of Bihar Sharif-Bodhgaya and Gaya-Barhi lines.

(e) The Working Group on Power has projected fund requirement of Rs. 114.000 crores in transmission and distribution for the Ninth Plan. To increase the availability of funds for transmission sector. Government have also proposed to allow private sector participation. The allocation of funds for the power sector will be as per the programmes to be included in the IX Plan which is being finalised by the Planning Commission. The Government is trying to give high priority to allocation of adequate funds to the power sector.

विष्णु प्रयाग विद्युत परियोजना पर खर्च की गई धनराशि

556. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में विष्णु प्रयाग परियोजना पर अब तक कितनी राशि व्यय की गई है;

(ख) निर्माण कार्य किस हद तक पूरा हो चुका है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य काफी समय से बंद पड़ा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) निर्माण कार्य पुनः प्रारंभ होने में कितना समय लगने की संभावना है; और

(च) कार्य कब तक पूर्ण होने की संभावना है?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) 1995-96 तक इस परियोजना पर 32.49 करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए जा चुके हैं।

(ख) केवल प्रारम्भिक आधारभूत तथा निर्माण कार्य ही पूरे किए गए हैं।

(ग) जी हां, महोदया।

(घ) इस परियोजना पर कार्य आगे नहीं बढ़ाया जा सका क्योंकि इस परियोजना को राज्य निधियों का आबंटन नहीं किया जा सका। तदुपरांत यह परियोजना निजी क्षेत्र में क्रियान्वयन हेतु राज्य सरकार द्वारा मैसर्स जयप्रकाश इन्डस्ट्रीज को हस्तांतरित कर दी गई थी। संपूर्ण विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट अप्रैल, 1997 के दौरान कंपनी द्वारा केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (के०वि०प्रा०) को प्रस्तुत की गई तथा परियोजना को के०वि०प्रा० द्वारा 30.6.97 को तकनीकी-आर्थिक रूप से स्वीकृत कर दिया गया।

(ङ) निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र ही पुनः आरंभ किए जाने की संभावना है।

(च) इस परियोजना को पांच वर्षों के भीतर पूरा किए जाने का कार्यक्रम है तथा यह दसवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के आरंभ में ही चालू कर दी जाएगी।

Ongoing Power Projects in U.P.

557. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of ongoing power projects in U.P. with names of their location and capacity of each project;

(b) the original target of commissioning and the revised date of commissioning with rise in costs, project-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up new power projects in U.P. during the current year; and